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- I. Claims 1-7, drawn to a method for assaying protease activity upon coexpression of a substrate and a protease, classified in class 435, subclass

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